

## Statement by Local Non-Governmental Organizations about the Resumption of Negotiations on Election Reform

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Negotiations between the ruling and opposition parties about election reform have resumed. Both sides have agreed to individual consultations. We, as organizations observing negotiations between the ruling and opposition parties on election reform, welcome the decision by both sides to resume consultations. We are Transparency International– Georgia, International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy, Georgian Young Lawyer's Association, and New Generation – New Initiative. We think, however, that changing the consultations to a closed format will decrease their transparency.